

over the entire area of the city and establish real and hurtful competition. I believe any such expenditure for extension of the automatic system would have resulted in failure, but that it would have caused the Chicago Telephone Co. to lose large sums of money cannot be questioned. It is not improbable that this fear of competition which might have arisen was the controlling motive on the part of the A. T. & T."

At the tail end of his report Miller tries to jam into a couple of small paragraphs his idea of two ways of action open to the city. These are:

"(a) To take the automatic phone property by forfeiture and dispose of it for cash. Under present conditions I estimate its cash value, if disposed of now, to be from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. This course means the certain discontinuance of automatic service, and the object of forfeiture resolves itself into the securing of money for the city.

"(b) To permit the sale of the property to A. T. & T. Co., after making necessary provisions to prevent undue inflation of the amount which Chicago Telephone Co. will be allowed to earn a fair return. This means probable discontinuance of automatic service in Chicago."

—o—o— TO TRY TELEPHONING DIRECT TO THE ORIENT

Washington, Oct. 22. — To girdle the globe by wireless telephony is the most ambitious plan in experiments at Arlington, following the first wireless telephone talk with Paris announced yesterday. Apparatus at the big Arlington station was today being tuned up for a talk with Tokio.

Telephone talks with the Orient without a relay at Honolulu were declared today to be practically certain. The distance of about 11,000 miles, it is believed, can be bridged eventually, although it is expected to meet considerable difficulty and require machinery adjustments taking considerable time.

CLAIMS THERE WAS FRAUD IN FOOT AND MOUTH GAME

When the foot and mouth disease scare hit Illinois great areas, often whole counties, were placed in quarantine. That is—the cattle in these counties could only be shipped to the Chicago stockyards and for immediate slaughter and sale.

If infection appeared before the animal was sent it would be promptly killed and buried by government inspectors at the order of Dr. O. E. Dyson, state veterinarian.

The East St. Louis yards were closed to quarantined cattle. Suspected cattle could not be shipped out of the state. So stock raisers had to send their animals to Chicago yards for immediate slaughter—at the prices offered by the beef trust.

So now Congressman Henry T. Rainey has written a letter to Gov. Dunne claiming fraud. He says that Dyson pulled the quarantine stunt to help Chicago pig stickers. And, to quote his letter:

"Dr. Dyson before appointed was in the employ of the Chicago packers.

"The Chicago packers have made some millions of dollars out of his administration of the Illinois quarantine.

"Although he had been a trusted employe of the packers in Chicago, working for them and their interests for a long time prior to your appointment of him to his present position, he filed with you not a single indorsement from any of them; a fact in itself most suspicious.

"His management of the Illinois quarantine has cost the state and nation over \$4,000,000. As many cases have developed in Illinois remote from the point of original infection as have developed in all other states."

Gov. Dunne says he will stick by Dr. Dyson.

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Indianapolis.—Fire gutted second floor of Arcade livery barns, killing or crippling 50 horses and mules.